

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1334

Introduced by Assembly Member Harman
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bates and Strom-Martin)
(Coauthors: Senators Alpert and Johnson)

February 23, 2001

An act to add Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 2300) to Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to algae.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1334, as introduced, Harman. Genus *Caulerpa*.

(1) Existing law makes it unlawful for any person to receive, bring, or cause to be brought into this state, for the purpose of propagation, any fish, reptile, amphibian, or aquatic plant from any place wherein any infected, diseased, or parasitized fish, reptile, amphibian, or aquatic plants are known to exist.

This bill would prohibit the sale, possession, transportation, transfer, or giving away without consideration the salt water algae of the genus *Caulerpa*. The bill would prohibit the disposal of those plants except under regulations adopted by the Resources Agency.

Because existing law would make a violation of these provisions a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program by creating new crimes.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 2300) is
2 added to Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code, to read:

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4 CHAPTER 3.5. CAULERPA ALGAE
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6 2300. No person shall sell, possess, transport, transfer, or give
7 away without consideration the salt water algae of the genus
8 Caulerpa. No person shall dispose of salt water algae of the genus
9 Caulerpa except under regulations adopted by the Resources
10 Agency.

11 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
12 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
13 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
14 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
15 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
16 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
17 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
18 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
19 Constitution.

